

replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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--Figures 28A and 28B are cross-sectional views of the essential portions in the main scanning direction and the sub scanning direction, respectively, when multibeam scanning was effected by the use of the single beam scanning optical apparatus, and show the changes of the angular magnification in the sub scanning direction and the spot diameter (F number) in the sub scanning direction on the surface to be scanned, due to image height. Table 7 below shows the optical arrangement shown in Figures 28A and 28B and the aspherical surface coefficients of an f<sub>0</sub> lens 86.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 68 and 72 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 68 and 72, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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68. (Amended) An optical scanner according to claim 67, wherein that element of the imaging lens which has such a surface that the curvature in the sub-scanning direction varies continuously along the main scanning direction over the effective area of said imaging lens is made of plastic.